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### REMARKS

After receipt of the final action on October 23, 2002 Applicants contacted the office and applicants argued that the definition of reactive dye was outside the scope of the references cited against applicants. Applicants then received an advisory action so the office was once again contacted for clarification. After a discussion with the office Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate language from page 2, lines 15-25 of the specification to more clearly define the term reactive dye. Applicants have also added new claims 23-24, support for these claims can be found in the same passage. With these amendments Applicants believe that this case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that all the claims be allowed.

As the total number of claims does not exceed the number of claims originally paid for, no fee is believed due. However if an additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

--12. (Amended) Aqueous reactive-dye composition (P) which is an aqueous solution of

(R) at least one reactive dye which contains one or more fiber reactive groups of a halogen-substituted heterocyclic group selected from the group consisting of halogentriazine or halogenpyrimidine, or an open-chain group selected from the group consisting of:  $\beta$ -sulphatoethylsulphonyl,  $\beta$ -sulphatoethylaminosulphonyl,  $\beta$ -sulphatopropionamido,  $\beta$ -chloroethylsulphonyl, vinylsulphonyl or acryloylaminosulphonyl.

and optionally

(F) at least one formulating additive,  
characterized by a content of

(B) biuret. --.

Add new claims 23-24 as follows:

--23. Aqueous reactive-dye composition (P) according to Claim 12, wherein said halogen-substituted heterocycle is selected from the group consisting of: a fluoro-, chloro- and/or bromo-substituted radical of a triazine or pyrimidine.

24. Aqueous reactive-dye composition (P) according to Claim 23, wherein said halogen-substituted heterocycle is selected from the group consisting of: a monochlorotriazine radical, a dichlorotriazine radical, a fluoro- and/or chloro-substituted pyrimidine radical. --.